Lebanon, Maine Select Board Town Office Conference Room Minutes – Meeting March 18, 2021

Members Present Others Present

Charles Russell, Jr. - Chairman Paul Philbrick - Vice Chair

Ernest Lizotte, Jr. – Selectman EXCUSED

Corinna Cole - Selectman Jeffrey Adams - Selectman Nick Wyman
James Duprie

Jana Doughty
Deborah Wilson
Chief Flynn

Laura Bragg Chris Stokes

Chuck Chadbourne

Dave Adam

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5:35 Pledge of Allegiance

5:41 Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to accept the Minutes dated 3-11-2021 as written. Selectman Cole seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Lizotte not present). (Selectman Adams unable to vote as he wasn't present at 3-11-21 meeting)

5:42 Paperwork signed – time off requests, training requests, Municipal Quitclaim Deed R02-032-014C and appointment papers. Richard Harlow and Brian Jancosko are appointed to the Planning Board effective until 6/30/2021.

5:50 Dave Adam from Babe Ruth addressed the BOS about letting travel ball companies use the Town fields. He and Selectman Adams are starting a Babe Ruth team in Lebanon and he wants the BOS to be careful with who they let use the fields and that they should charge outside entities money to use the fields. Jana Doughty of Coastal Riptide explains that they put money into making the field safe for kids and the field is a town ball field first and foremost. Coastal Riptide has approximately 20 Lebanon kids on their teams. Lebanon Little League explained that they have been before the BOS twice seeking a letter to allow them to work with Coastal Riptide as stated in the town's agreement with the Little League Association and the terms change each time.

7:15 New Marijuana Ordinances discussed. Selectman Cole has issues/questions with a couple of items. Selectman Cole feels the Town should get a second legal opinion. Chair Russell states the BOS should take the advice of the Town attorney and that they are protected if they do. Nick Wyman addressed the BOS about the 3 different documents and the difficulty in reading them.

7:35 Vice Chair Philbrick asked to table the discussion and Enter into Executive Sessions for Personnel Matters pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6)(A). Chair Russell seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Lizotte absent)

8:55 Selectman Adams motioned to exit Executive Session. Vice Chair Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Lizotte absent)

8:58 Re-adjourn – Discussion was around the new Marijuana Ordinances that need to be put on the ballot. The majority of the BOS agree to changes made. The BOS will look at the clean copies with corrections made and vote on the final documents next week.

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9:36 Chair Russell motioned to make the edits to the documents and vote the documents as final draft. There will be 1 change and revision marks removed. Selectman Adams seconded. Vote taken – 3 in favor (Russell, Philbrick, Adams) 1 opposed (Cole). (Selectman Lizotte absent)

9:34 Old Business the list was reviewed.

9:36 Individual Selectmen Issues - Chair Russell presented the BOS with the document for Impact Fees. Selectman Adams is in support of business impact fees but against the impact fees for residential. Selectman Cole and Chair Russell are in support of both. Vice Chair Philbrick states that he is against the residential impact fees but supports it because of the impact of new construction and subdivisions is having on the town i.e., roads. The monies would help to financially offset the impact on the current tax paying residents. The BOS will read through the document and bring it to a vote next week before sending it to the attorney. Chair Russell discussed the issue over bonding and audits. Chair Russell spoke with the auditors and they state that the pandemic has something to do with the delay. Chair Russell states that the BOS is responsible for not taking action on the auditor's direction through previous management letters. The issues go back for years and a few treasurers. The current treasurer is not to blame for this and has created policies per the auditor's direction. Chair Russell is in favor of a forensic audit. Vice Chair Philbrick presented a letter from the Treasurer for the BOS to sign. The document authorizes her to pay specific bills without the actual receipts. Vice Chair Philbrick read a letter from York County City & Towns. The letter is to elected municipal officers to attend a meeting and vote on adding some one to the County Budget Committee. Vice Chair Philbrick discussed the opening on the Town Budget Committee that will leave an empty seat at the end of this budget cycle. Vice Chair Philbrick spoke with the town clerk who recommends the BOS appoint someone rather than adding it to the election. The BOS had questions about this and Vice Chair Philbrick will look further into this topic. Vice Chair Philbrick looked up information from MMA regarding forgiveness of fees for the American Legion building permits. Neither the Selectman or the Appeals Board have the authority to alter fees. Vice Chair Philbrick discussed the results of the water system and that the entire system doesn't appear to need to be replaced. The company states it needs to be recharged and quoted a price of \$900.00. Vice Chair Philbrick discussed that he quoted a price on a cemetery plot last fall, the quote was for \$5,000.00, the purchased was verbally made, but documentation was not completed at that time. However, the BOS subsequently voted a higher price for the lots at a later meeting. Vice Chair Philbrick is now processing the paperwork and would like permission to honor the \$5,000.00 quote. The four selectmen present agreed that the price should be honored. Vice Chair Philbrick discussed the contract with J&S Masonry and their request to extend the current contract for 1 year. Vice Chair Philbrick motioned to extend the J&S Masonry contract for one year. Chair Russel seconded. Vote taken; vote carried. (Selectman Lizotte absent)

10:25 Good of the Town -March 20th USDA Food Box Giveaway at Eddie B's starting around 10am and ending when they are gone. Lebanon Clean Up day will be April 24, 2021. The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies at the Transfer Station on Saturday, April 3rd. There will be a voluntary toll booth to support the American Legion on Saturday, April 10th. The Restoration Church in Dover NH will be disbursing Farmers to Families food boxes each Saturday from now through April.

10:40 Chair Russell motioned to adjourn. Vice Chair Philbrick seconded. Vote taken; vote carried.